



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
VIRTUAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION – DRL/SHR**



This project seeks a Virtual Fellow to serve with the **Office of Security & Human Rights, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor (DRL/SHR)** as a **Research Consultant**.

Fellow Location: The Fellow will serve virtually and will not be physically located at the Department of State.

Project Name: Security & Human Rights Literature Review.

Project Description: The Virtual Fellow would conduct research related to the correlation between security and human rights. Specifically, the Fellow would review the available literature (academic works, think tank reports, etc.) and provide basic conclusions related to the relationship between protecting rights and efforts related to:

- Counterinsurgency;
- Counterterrorism;
- Atrocities Prevention;
- Conflict prevention and response.

Of particular interest are any conclusions related to the importance or significance of oversight and accountability of security forces and the role of civil society in providing public oversight and advocacy on security issues.

Program Requirements: The precepts of the Virtual Fellows Program call for Fellows to have a high degree of administrative, professional, or technical knowledge/experience and a minimum of five years of professional experience that is directly applicable to the assigned task.

Project-specific Knowledge, Skills, or Abilities:

- Strong analytical and critical thinking ability;
- Graduate-level research experience;
- Superior writing skills.

Clearance: The Fellow must be a U.S. citizen and must receive a Public Trust determination prior to starting his/her service. The Virtual Fellows Program staff will work with the accepted candidate to obtain the Public Trust determination. (Note: A candidate is NOT required to have a Public Trust determination prior to applying for this project.)

Remuneration: The Virtual Fellow will be appointed to the federal civil service as an intermittent, unpaid consultant. The Department assumes no responsibility for providing any salary or benefits to the Fellow in connection with his/her participation in the Program.